

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A device for preparing a beverage, comprising:
 - a beverage unit supplying the beverage under pressure,
 - a nozzle in fluid communication with the beverage unit such that the nozzle generates a jet of the beverage, and
 - a receiving unit into which the jet is directed, the receiving unit comprising:
 - a chamber having a drain opening and a channel extending to the nozzle,
 - and
 - a jet impact member disposed within the chamber and having a top which does not contact an inner wall of the chamber,
 - wherein the nozzle and the jet impact member are mutually oriented such that the jet hits against at least a portion of the top of the jet impact member so that the beverage, after hitting against the jet impact member, leaves the chamber through the drain opening in the form of the beverage having a ~~fine bubble~~ foam layer, wherein air can be supplied to the chamber exclusively through the drain opening ~~or through an air inlet channel which extends through the jet impact member into the chamber~~.
2. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the chamber further comprises a product feed opening through which the jet enters the chamber.
3. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the product feed opening is formed by the nozzle.
4. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 3, wherein a space within the chamber between the nozzle and the jet impact member is unobstructed.
5. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the top of the jet impact member is disposed between the product feed opening and the drain opening.

6. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the top of the jet impact member is substantially directed towards the product feed opening.

7. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in claim 2, wherein a line that is substantially perpendicular to a center of a surface of the top of the jet impact member is directed substantially towards the product feed opening.

8. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in claim 2, wherein a line that is substantially perpendicular to a surface of the top of the jet impact member in a location where the jet hits the top of the jet impact member is substantially directed towards the product feed opening.

9. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the top of the jet impact member is substantially directed towards the nozzle.

10. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein a line that is substantially perpendicular to a surface of the top of the jet impact member in a location where the jet hits the top of the jet impact member is substantially directed towards the nozzle.

11. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein a line that is substantially perpendicular to a surface of the top of the jet impact member in a location where the jet hits the top of the jet impact member is directed substantially parallel to the jet.

12. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein a surface of the top of the jet impact member is one of concave, convex, and planar.

13. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the top of the jet impact member is located substantially in a center of the chamber, as viewed in a plane transverse to the jet.

14. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the top of the jet impact member is located substantially on a central axis of the chamber.
15. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein an axial direction of the jet impact member extends in a longitudinal direction of the chamber.
16. (Currently Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the inner wall of the chamber is substantially rotationally symmetrical in shape.
17. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 16, wherein the inner wall of the chamber is substantially rotationally symmetrical in shape about an axis of rotation which extends in a longitudinal direction of the chamber.
18. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the axis of rotation extends through the top of the jet impact member.
19. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 16, wherein the inner wall of the chamber is at least partially cylindrical in shape.
20. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the jet impact member is connected to the chamber by a lateral arm.
21. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the beverage unit further comprises:
 - a holder containing a product to be one of extracted and dissolved; and
 - a hot-water unit supplying hot water to the holder to produce the beverage.
22. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 21, wherein the chamber and the nozzle are connected to the holder.

23. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 22, wherein the jet impact member is connected to the holder.

24. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 22, wherein the jet impact member is not directly connected to the holder.

25. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 22, wherein the chamber and the nozzle are integrated with the holder.

26. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 23, wherein the jet impact member is integrated with the holder.

28. – 65. (Canceled)

66. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 21, wherein the product is one of coffee, tea, and non-dairy creamer.